MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES POST OFFICE BOX 451 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W9 3694(I)

TO: The Honorable Delbert Hosemann

Secretary of State Post Office Box 136 Jackson, MS 39205 AND

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on April 8, 2010, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2010-11 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W8 3694 is hereby repealed, and the following 2010-11 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2010-2011 Regulations for Muscadine Farms Wildlife Management Area

Muscadine Farms Tract Washington County

SPECIES

OPENING

DATE

CLOSING

DATE

COMMENTS

SEPTEMBER TEAL - PERMIT

ONLY

See Federal Regulations.

See SEPTEMBER TEAL HUNTING PERMITS in

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

WATERFOWL - PERMIT

ONLY - Except for youth waterfowl hunts, and the post

season Light Goose Conservation Order. See Federal Regulations.

See WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS in

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

POST SEASON LIGHT

GOOSE CONSERVATION

ORDER

Open after waterfowl season. See

Federal Regulations.

WATERFOWL YOUTH HUNT

Open concurrent with statewide

season.

OTHER MIGRATORY GAME

BIRDS

See Federal Regulations.

See OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS in

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

TRAPPING

Feb. 1

Feb. 28

OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS: All other migratory game birds may be hunted in assigned units while on permitted waterfowl hunts during the legal season for the species. After the regular waterfowl season, migratory game birds may be hunted daily on the WMA during the legal season for that species.

NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.

Washington and Po-Lutken Tracts Washington County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
RABBIT	Oct. 16	Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 2	Sep. 25	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	
QUAIL	Nov. 26	Mar. 6	
WOODCOCK	See Federal Regulations.		

NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR MUSCADINE FARMS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W9 3694(I)

WMA USER PERMIT: All persons using this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license, must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit. This permit is required in addition to the daily visitor use permit and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

PERMIT STATIONS: All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from a self-service permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are visible from outside the vehicle. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it in the return box at a permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

SEPTEMBER TEAL HUNTING PERMITS: September teal hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Hunters may apply for permitted September teal hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the 2010-11 season. Completed applications must be received by Aug. 15, 2010 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who provide an e-mail address will be notified by e-mail if drawn.

WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS: All waterfowl hunts, except for the waterfowl youth hunts and the post season light goose conservation order, are draw hunts only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Hunters may apply for permitted waterfowl hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the 2010-11 season. Completed applications must be received by Nov. 1, 2010 to be eligible for drawing.

WATERFOWL DRAW HUNTING PROCEDURES: Hunt days are Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Six reservation positions are allocated for each day before the season starts. Reservations on Tuesdays and Thursdays are for a 1-day hunt and reservations for Saturdays and Sundays are for a 2-day hunt. Reservation holders draw numbers first from numbered dowels that represent the number of available hunting positions. After reservation holders draw, dowels are added until there are enough dowels for all standby parties to draw. All hunters then select their positions starting with the lowest number first. Draws will be conducted at 5:00 AM. If reservation holders fail to check in by 5:00 am, they risk losing their spot to another hunting party if all hunting positions are filled. A total party of 4 hunters per hunt unit is allowed.

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DOG RESTRICTIONS: Retrievers allowed during waterfowl hunts on Muscadine Farms Tract. All other dogs prohibited on Muscadine Farms Tract. On Washington and Po-Lutken Tracts, small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hog hunting with dogs is prohibited.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs prohibited. No vehicles allowed on levees.

HORSES: No horses allowed.

CAMPING: No camping allowed.

SHOOTING HOURS: Waterfowl shooting hours end at 12:00 noon.

BEARS: Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 36, will be enforced. For additional information, contact the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at (601) 631-5000.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, P. O. Box 451, Jackson, MS 39205, no later than May 10, 2010.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY:

Bryan Jones, Chairman

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